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SUBJECT: ECONADS: FEBRUARY 24-25 MEETING OF HEADS OF ECONOMIC
INTELLIGENCE.

REF: (A) USNATO 339 (B) USNATO 409

SUMMARY: AT THE JAN. 27 ECONADS MEETING, THE
CANADAIN, FRG, AND FRENCH REPS ANNOUNCED THEIR COUNTRIES
PARTICIPANTS IN THE FEB. 24-25 ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE MEETING,
AND SEVERAL REPS COMMENTED ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA (REF B).
ACTION REQUESTED: AS IN REFTELS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CANADIAN REP (MCNAB) REPORTED THAT IVOR BOWEN, HEAD
OF THE SPECIAL RESEARCH BUREAU, WOULD ATTEND THE ECONOMIC
INTELLIGENCE MEETING. CANADIAN AUTHORITIES APPROVED OF
THE AGENDA, ESPECIALLY OF CONSIDERATION OF THE FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS OF COMECON. THEY SUGGESTED THAT SOVIET/EE
AGRICULTURE ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

2. THE UK REP (UULSE) COMMENTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES
FOUND ITEM II (D), THE CONSUMER IN COMECON (REF B),
TOO DIFFUSE, BUT THEY DID NOT REQUEST ITS DELETION. WHILE
HIS AUTHORITIES DID NOT OBJECT TO II (B), SECTORAL REVIEW OF
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THE SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES, THEY THOUGHT IT
MIGHT BE TOO DETAILED AND TECHNICAL FOR THE FEB. MEETING
PARTICIPANTS TO DEAL WITH DIRECTLY. CHAIRMAN
BILLY REPLIED THAT UNDER II (B) THE INTENTION
WAS TO CONSIDER LABOR CONDITIONS AND PRODUCTIVITY
IN COMECON COUNTRIES. THE DIRECTORATE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT
TO DO SO USEFULLY, IT WAS NECESSARY TO ANALYZE SPECIFIC
SECTORS. BILLY SUGGESTED THAT THE EXPERTS MIGHT DECIDE TO
FOCUS ON ONE OR TWO SECTORS.

3. FRG REP (DAASE) REPORTED THAT OFFNER WOULD REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY AT THE MEETING, AND THE FRENCH REP (TAXIL) ANNOUNCED THAT LT. COL. NOULENS (HEAD OF THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE SECTION, SGDN), AND CDT. VIDELO, AND PERHAPS MR. SOKOLOF, WOULD ALSO ATTEND.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY RESPONSE TO REFTELS, TO PERMIT CIRCULATION OF US VIEWS PRIOR TO FEB. 3 ECONADS. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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